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Reply to:

DATE: February 19, 2021

TO: Members, Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Maryland Association of County Health Officers

Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors

RE: HB 961 Local Government - Lemonade Stands - Prohibition on Regulation by

Local Law

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (the Conference) and the Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO) **Supports with Amendments HB 961.**

The Conference and MACHO recommends that beverages sold must adhere to regulatory guidance in place to protect public health from the sale of beverages that are not otherwise legally sold in the State. For this reason, we recommend that "…nonalcoholic beverages…" be substituted with "unadulterated, and non-potentially hazardous beverages…"

Accordingly, we request the Committee SUPPORT HB 961 WITH AMENDMENTS.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. If you have further questions concerning this written testimony, please contact:

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